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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner very much for his time during our recent phone conference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Further to the applicant's comments with respect to French, et al., that were made of record on February 8, 2005, applicant's further respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the teaching of French, et al., with respect to the oleic soap level being from 0% to about 10% by weight of the invention bar (see column 3, lines 12-13; see column 23, lines 29-30). In view of this teaching, applicant's have amended independent claims 1 and 10 to further contain the limitation wherein the soap contains 15.6 – 24.9% by weight of oleic soap to further distinguish the instant invention from French, et al.

Using the well known chain length distribution for coconut and tallow soap as given in US 5.264,145, column 4, lines 61-66 and column 5, lines 4-7; the oleic soap content corresponding to 50-80% wt. soap in the independent claims (as 70/30 tallow/coco soap, as shown in the examples), is calculated as follows:

$(0.70) (50) (0.415) = 14.5\% \text{ Oleic Soap in Tallow portion of } 50\% \text{ soap claimed limit}$

$(0.30) (50) (0.07) = 1.1\% \text{ Oleic Soap in Coco portion of } 50\% \text{ soap claimed limit}$

Total Oleic Soap in 50% soap claimed limit = 15.6%

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(0.70) (80) (0.415) = 23.2% Oleic Soap in Tallow Portion
of 80% soap claimed limit

(0.30) (80) (0.07) = 1.7% Oleic Soap in Coco portion of
80% soap claimed limit

Total Oleic Soap in 80% soap claimed limit = 24.9%

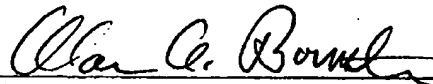
Therefore, the newly added claim element of 15.6 to 24.9% by wt. Oleic Soap is fully supported and it is respectfully asserted that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that the claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview would facilitate prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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